

# SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION

## ————— MEETING SUMMARY —————

Public Health Auditorium  
1601 East Hazelton Avenue  
Stockton CA

Wednesday, December 15, 1999 7:00 a.m.

(approved January 11, 2000)

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gutierrez at 07:04 a.m. Roll call was taken and all commission members were in attendance except for Commissioners Vera and Adubofour (arrived at 07:08 a.m.).

2. Meeting summary from December 8, 1999 was presented for approval.

*Motion: Approve meeting summary from December 8, 1999. (Mitchell/Smith – Motion passed 7-0)*

3. Staff reported on the Statewide meeting held in Sacramento on November 22, 1999. The meeting included presentations on Alameda County's strategic planning process, brain development research, the State Commission's plans to begin a marketing campaign, and breakout sessions on legal issues, public engagement, and data collection.

Discussion was held on the need to keep the focus on children prenatal to 5 years old. Tobacco cessation programs and other innovative services may be identified as needs during the data collection process.

4. Discussion was held on possible revisions to the System Advisory Group including removing the limitation on number of members. Concerns were expressed that this would dilute the expertise of the group, may skew the group towards a particular focus area or special interest, and delay the group's progress. The need to have greater input from "Consumers" (parents with children 0-5) was reiterated. No action was taken.
5. Applications received for the three (3) new System Advisory Group positions were considered. Discussion was held on the definition of Early Childhood Development vs. Early Childhood Education and the need to have input from actual "consumers."

*Motion: Appoint Dawayla Tucker as a Consumer representative to the System Advisory Group. (Fujii/Adubofour – Motion passed 8-0)*

*Motion: Appoint Richard Cuevas as the Early Childhood Development representative to the System Advisory Group. (Flenoy–Kelley/Grande – Commissioners Gutierrez, Mitchell, Flenoy–Kelley, Snider, Grande voted YES, Commissioners Fujii, Smith, Adubofour voted NO – Motion passed 5–3)*

*Motion: Authorize Chair to appoint a Consumer representative as defined by the Commission (with children 0–5). (Snider/Mitchell – Motion passed 8–0)*

Nadya Dabby (Harder+Company) provided a report on the System Advisory Group’s activities. The group has defined the characteristics of the system, identified barriers to receiving services, discussed strategies to address barriers, grouped strategies into categories (Public Education, Parent/Caregiver Education, Staff/Provider Training, and Service Delivery), and evaluated how needs of focus areas would be addressed by strategies. At the next meeting, the group will discuss draft recommendations and prioritize strategies. Staff will provide copies of the System Advisory Group’s work to Commission members. Nadya Dabby offered to meet with new appointees to bring them up-to-date.

*Motion: Delete currently vacant Consumer representative position if not filled before the next System Advisory Group meeting. (Fujii/Adubofour – Motion passed 8–0)*

6. A proposal to appoint the Commission Chairperson as a non-voting, ex-officio member of all committees was discussed. This would allow the Chair to observe committee meetings while maintaining compliance with the Brown Act.

*Motion: Appoint Commission Chairperson as a non-voting, ex-officio member of all committees. (Mitchell/Adubofour – Commissioners Mitchell, Flenoy–Kelley, Fujii, Smith, Snider, Grande, Adubofour voted YES, Commissioner Gutierrez abstained – Motion passed 7–0)*

7. Nadya Dabby provided an update on data currently being collected. Paul Harder continued the data study session from the December 8 meeting. Topics discussed included foster care, child abuse, child health, and prenatal care. The study session will be continued at the Commission’s next meeting. Paul Harder will provide a list of focus group topics for the Commission’s review.

8. Comments from the public:

None.

9. Comments from commission members:

Commissioner Smith suggested that a commission member be assigned to “host” each community meeting. Staff will work with the Chair on this suggestion.

Commissioner Fujii suggested that the Commission consider holding meetings twice a month. Meeting frequency and starting times will be discussed at the next meeting. The next Commission meeting will be held beginning at 4:30 p.m. on January 11, 2000 at Hutchins Street Square, Lodi (prior to the scheduled community meeting).

10. *Meeting was adjourned to January 11, 2000 at 04:30 p.m. (Adubofour/Smith – Motion passed 5–0)*